## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b)

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Divisional Application of: KANDA, et al.

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Examiner: C. CHASE (Parent)

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SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD

OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.